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The Bannatyne Club.

Instituted February,
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The BANNATYNE CLUB was instituted at Edinburgh the 15th of February, 1823.

"The express object and design contemplated in this Association, is, by means of an annual sum contributed by the Members, to print in a uniform and handsome manner, a series of Works, illustrative of the History, Topography, Poetry, and Miscellaneous Literature of Scotland in former times.

"The Members have adopted for the designation of the Club, the name of the venerable and industrious Collector, to whose labour Posterity is obliged for the earliest and most important record of our National Poetry."

Extract from Minutes of the Club.

RULES

OF

THE BANNATYNE CLUB.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Sir Walter Scott, President.
Thomas Thomson, Esq. Vice-President.
Thomas Kinnear, Esq. Treasurer.
Mr David Laing, Secretary.

I. That the Club shall consist of a limited number of Members; at no time to exceed Thirty-one.

II. That a General Meeting shall be held annually on the Fourth Tuesday of November; and that the President shall have power, when occa-

sion requires, to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which three weeks notice shall be given to the resident Members.

III. That every Anniversary Meeting shall appoint a Committee of Management, consisting of Six Members, under whose direction the affairs of the Club shall be carried on for the following year; and that this shall be an open Committee.

IV. That no election of Members shall take place, except by ballot at the Annual General Meeting, of which a printed notice shall be circulated on or before the first of November, mentioning the names of the Candidates, and the Members by whom they have been severally proposed.

V. That three black balls shall exclude any person proposed for admission.

VI. That in the event of the applications for admission exceeding the number of vacancies to

be supplied, a previous ballot shall take place, to determine the rotation in which the Candidates on the list shall be ballotted for. A majority of votes to decide.

VII. That the Members be requested to transmit to the Secretary notices of ancient manuscripts, books, or tracts, connected with Scottish literature, to be entered into the ALBUM of the Club, with the names of the Members recommending them for publication; and that from this Register the General Meeting shall from time to time make a selection.

VIII. That the annual contribution of each Member of the Club to the General Fund shall be fixed at the Anniversary Meeting; and shall be paid before the first day of March.

IX. That the sum so collected be under the control of the Committee of Management, in defraying the expences of the Works to be printed, under the authority of the Club.

X. That the impression of such Works shall never exceed Eighty-four copies, of which number each Member of the Club shall be entitled to receive two copies, free of all charge or expence, that he may be enabled to present one to any of his friends. The remaining copies to be at the disposal of the Club, in order to be presented to such Libraries as shall be named at the General Meeting.

XI. That when Works intended to be printed, are of such importance or magnitude as to render it inexpedient to confine their circulation within the Club, it shall be optional to have an extra impression thrown off, on a paper differing in size or quality from that which is made use of for the copies intended for the Members; and that these additional copies shall be disposed of in such a manner as shall be determined on at the General Meeting. In such instances, it is resolved, that the copies printed exclusively for the Club, shall be limited to Forty-eight; and that each Member shall receive one copy for his own collection.

XII. That if any Member of the Club shall voluntarily undertake to have printed at his own expence, particular Works or Tracts relative to Scottish affairs, for distribution among the Members, and his friends, he shall be furnished with the paper made for their regular publications, and with the use of their device, to serve as a distinguishing mark of the destination of such Tracts or Works; it being understood that each Member of the Club shall receive one copy of every Work or Tract so printed. And, in order to preserve uniformity in the style of execution, as well as in size, it is farther expected, that the rules laid down for the publications of the Club, shall be conformed to.

XIII. That unless in such special exceptions as are referred to in the XIth Rule, copies of no Work printed under the sanction of the Club, shall, on any account whatsoever, be offered to sale.

LIST

OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE BANNATYNE CLUB.

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1. RIGHT HON. WILLIAM ADAM, LORD CHIEF COMMISSIONER.
   SIR WILLIAM ARBUTHNOT, BART.
   JAMES BALLANTYNE, ESQ.
   HONOURABLE LORD BANNATYNE.
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ROBERT PITCAIRN, ESQ.

20. SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART. PRESIDENT.

RIGHT HON. SIR SAMUEL SHEPHERD, LORD CHIEF BARON.

JAMES SKENE, ESQ.

GEORGE SMYTHE, ESQ.

THOMAS THOMSON, ESQ.

25. PATRICK FRASER TYTLER, ESQ.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Club, at Edinburgh, 15th March, 1823.

DAVID LAING, *Secretary.*